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## COMPETITION LIKE THIS CAN'T BE BEAT!

They came from across the globe, with a love of Pok  mon, a passion for competition and, of course, amazing decks.

More than 300 elite players representing twenty-five countries arrived at Walt Disney World in sunny Florida with one lofty goal in mind: taking home a 2004 Pok  mon TCG World Championships title and a special Trainer Prize Card for a Top 3 finish! In addition, thousands of dollars in scholarships and other awesome prizes were also up for grabs.

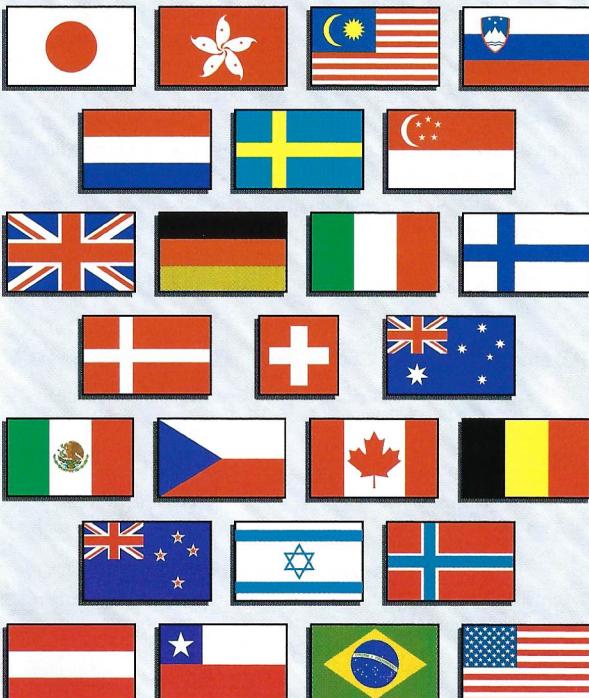
Age proved to be no barrier for competing, with young players like six-year-olds Mitchell Lindsay and Peter Fouchet battling just as fiercely as 2002 Champion Mindy Lambkee's dad, Jim.

Age did, however, divide players into one of three groups. Perhaps the most spirited match at Worlds occurred in the 15-and-over group, where Tsuguyoshi Yameto of Japan nearly jumped out of his skin after defeating American Chris Fulop in the final match.

Other winners included Hayato Sato (Japan), who bested Reed Weichler (United States) in the 10-and-under group, and Takuya Yoneda, who completed an unprecedented Japanese sweep of the World Championships by edging out American Kevin Nguyen in the 11-14 age group.

The 2004 Pok  mon TCG World Championships proved to be a world-class event, filled with plenty of suspense, surprises, and enough memories to last at least until next year's competition. See you in August 2005!

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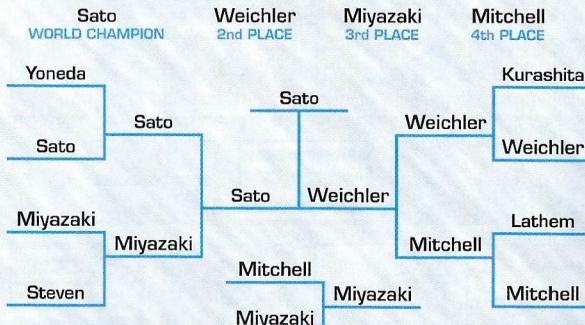
# THE FINAL PATH TO GREATNESS!

It was a long, challenging road to the 2004 Pok  mon TCG World Championships for the select few players who qualified. Of the more than 300 who earned the privilege to compete at the game's highest level, only a small handful advanced to the Finals.

On Sunday, August 22, the top 16 Trainers in each age group battled through single-elimination rounds until one great player emerged victorious. Here you can follow the exciting results of the Finals!

In each of the three age-group brackets are two sets of pairings (four players on the far left and far right) that led to the climactic Championship match (in the middle of each bracket). Below each bracket is the runner-up pairing for the third-place trophy.

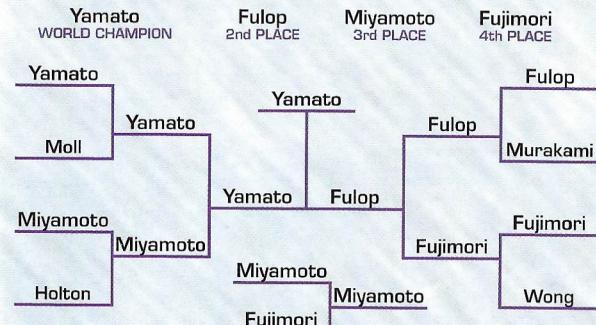
#### Pokémon TCG World Championships Finals Bracket (10-)

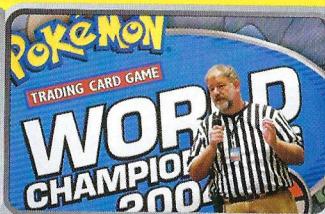


#### Pokémon TCG World Championships Finals Bracket (11-14)



#### Pokémon TCG World Championships Finals Bracket (15+)





The staff refreshes its Poké Powers!

Explaining the rules of the tournament



Games, games, everywhere



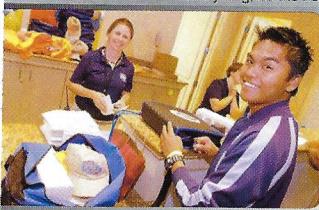
Official judges from Japan!



Great Trainers start young, as the Pokémon TCG World Championships proved



The Championships gave players from all over the world a chance to meet



Prepared for success



The kick-off party in full swing!



Judging the judges



Torchic love

## Hayato Sato World Champion (10 and under)

Age: 10 years old



Country: Japan

Deck: Team Magma

Interesting Fact: Favorite card  
is Underground Expedition

For this *Pokémon TCG* World Champion, it's clear that practice makes perfect. "I practiced hard every day," admitted the #1 Trainer in the 10-and-under group. Even while relaxing at home in front of the TV, Hayato kept sharp by playing the game with his brother. His dedication paid off big-time at Worlds where, he said, "All the players were very tough." As tough as Hayato's rivals were, none could thwart his winning strategy: "Attack while my opponent is playing Basic *Pokémon*."



### Deck List:

2	Team Magma's Baltoy	MA 61
3	Team Magma's Cleydol	MA 8
4	Team Magma's Groudon	MA 9
2	Team Magma's Numel	MA 64
3	Team Magma's Camerupt	MA 19
4	Team Magma's Zangoose	MA 23
2	Copycat	EX 138
2	Desert Ruins	HL 88
1	Maxie	MA 73
2	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR 87
3	Steven's Advice	HL 92
2	Switch	RS 92
2	Team Magma Ball	MA 80
2	Team Magma Conspirator	MA 82
2	Team Magma Scherer	MA 70
2	TV Reporter	DR 88
4	Underground Expedition	SK 140
1	Warp Point	MA 85
6	Fighting Energy	RS 105
2	Psychic Energy	RS 107
3	Darkness Energy	AO 142
4	Magma Energy	MA 87
2	Rainbow Energy	RS 95

## Reed Weichler Second Place (10 and under)

Age: 10 years old



Country: United States

Deck: Swampert/Magneton

Interesting Fact: Has played

for five years, since a friend introduced him to the *Pok閙on* cartoon



### Deck List:

2	Dunsparce	SS 60
2	Magnemite	DR 63
2	Magneton	DR 17
4	Mudkip	RS 59
3	Marshomp	RS 40
3	Swampert	RS 13
1	Suicune ex	MA 94
2	Swampert ex	MA 95
2	Skitty	RS 44
2	Delcatty	RS 5
1	Wobbuffet	SS 26
1	Ancient Technical Machine (Rock)	HL 85
2	Copycat	EX 138
3	Oracle	SK 138
1	Pok閙on Fan Club	AQ 130
1	Potion	RS 91
2	Professor Elm's Training Method	EX 148
1	Professor Oak's Research	EX 149
2	Rare Candy	SS 88
2	Steven's Advice	HL 92
1	Switch	RS 92
2	Underground Expedition	SK 140
1	Wally's Training	SS 89
13	Water Energy	RS 106
4	Multi Energy	SS 93

## Akira Miyazaki Third Place (10 and under)

Age: 10 years old

Country: Japan

Deck: Team Magma

Interesting Fact: Enjoys swimming



## Taylor Mitchell Fourth Place (10 and under)

Age: 10 years old

Country: United States



Deck: Swampert

Interesting Fact: Undefeated at Memphis Gym Challenge



For Akira, it didn't take long to notice slight differences between playing in his Japanese homeland and playing in the United States. "I was surprised that overseas we play with dice instead of tossing a coin," he observed. Not that anything could have prevented the talented Trainer from making it to—and winning—the Championship runner-up round. Playing four times a week helped Akira perfect his speedy game style and what he called "playing the probabilities."

### Deck List:

2	Team Magma's Baltoy	MA 60
2	Team Magma's Claydol	MA 8
4	Team Magma's Groudon	MA 9
1	Team Magma's Numel	MA 64
2	Team Magma's Camerupt	MA 19
4	Team Magma's Zangoose	MA 23
1	Bill's Maintenance	EX 137
2	Copycat	EX 138
2	Desert Ruins	HL 88
2	Maxie	MA 73
1	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR 87
3	Pokémon Reversal	EX 146
2	Steven's Advice	HL 92
2	Switch	RS 92
2	Team Magma Ball	MA 80
2	Team Magma Conspirator	MA 82
1	Team Magma Schemer	MA 70
3	TV Reporter	DR 88
3	Underground Expedition	SK 140
1	Warp Point	MA 85
7	Fighting Energy	RS 105
2	Psychic Energy	RS 107
4	Darkness Energy	RS 93
4	Magma Energy	MA 87
1	Rainbow Energy	RS 95

### Deck List:

4	Dunsparce	SS 60
4	Mudkip	RS 59
3	Marshstomp	RS 40
2	Swampert	RS 13
3	Swampert ex	MA 95
1	Copycat	EX 138
4	Fast Ball	SK 124
1	Fisherman	SK 125
2	Island Cave	HL 89
2	Master Ball	EX 143
4	Oracle	SK 138
2	Professor Oak's Research	EX 149
4	Rare Candy	SS 88
4	Steven's Advice	HL 92
3	TV Reporter	DR 88
1	Warp Point	MA 85
16	Water Energy	RS 106



It's almost time to battle!



The crowds watch a champion in action



2002 World Champion Mindy Lambke



Pokémon players were everywhere!



The real challenge of the Championships: following your match results!



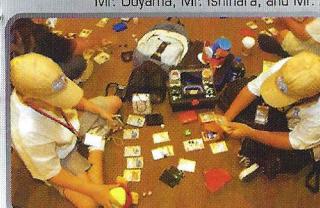
Mr. Ooyama, Mr. Ishihara, and Mr. Akabane, creators of the Pokémon TCG



Congratulating good sportsmanship



Catching up on the Pokémon cartoon



Down—on the floor—but not out!



Pokémon creator and artist Mr. Sugimori

## Takuya Yoneda World Champion (11-14)

Age: 13 years old



Country: Japan

Deck: Team Magma

Interesting Fact: Favorite  
Pokémon is Vileplume

Takuya's strategy for competing against the world's best is so simple, it's brilliant. "I try not to make mistakes," said the newly crowned World Champion in the 11-14 age group. For a competitor who started playing because "it seemed interesting," Takuya has certainly drawn considerable interest in himself. Already named the Japanese National Champion, he overcame nervousness and actually enjoyed the "atmosphere and tension of competition" at Worlds.



### Deck list:

2	Team Magma's Baltoy	MA 60
2	Team Magma's Claydol	MA 8
4	Team Magma's Groudon	MA 9
1	Team Magma's Numel	MA 64
2	Team Magma's Camerupt	MA 19
4	Team Magma's Zangoose	MA 23
2	Copycat	EX 138
2	Desert Ruins	HL 88
2	Maxie	MA 73
2	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR 87
3	Steven's Advice	HL 92
2	Strength Charm	MA 74
3	Team Magma Bell	MA 80
3	Team Magma Conspirator	MA 82
2	TV Reporter	DR 88
3	Underground Expedition	SK 140
3	Warp Point	MA 85
7	Fighting Energy	RS 105
1	Psychic Energy	RS 107
4	Darkness Energy	RS 93
4	Magma Energy	MA 87
2	Rainbow Energy	RS 95

## Kevin Nguyen Second Place (11-14)

Age: 14 years old



Country: United States

Deck: Gardevoir/Magneton

Interesting Fact: Liked competing at Worlds because he "got to go to Disney World at the same time"



### Deck list:

4	Dunsparce	SS 60
2	Megaremite	DR 62
2	Magneton	DR 17
4	Ralts	SS 74
3	Kirlia	RS 34
2	Gardevoir	RS 7
2	Gardevoir ex	SS 96
2	Skitty	SS 79
2	Delcatty	RS 5
1	Ancient Tomb	HL 87
2	Desert Shaman	SK 123
1	Magnetic Storm	HL 91
4	Oracle	SK 138
3	Pokémon Reversal	RS 87
3	Professor Elm's Training Method	EX 148
2	Rare Candy	SS 88
1	Steven's Advice	HL 92
1	Switch	RS 92
1	Town Volunteers	AQ 136
1	Warp Point	MA 85
1	Weakness Guard	AQ 141
2	Lightning Energy	RS 109
10	Psychic Energy	RS 107
4	Boost Energy	AQ 145

## Takayuki Nishide Third Place (11-14)

Age: 12 years old



Country: Japan

Deck: Gardevoir/Gorebyss/  
Bellosom

Interesting Fact: Plays three  
times a week

If you really want to know how hard it is to get to Worlds, just ask Takayuki Nishide. "It was as tough as climbing Mount Everest," proclaimed the third-place finisher. Takayuki wisely noted that even a language barrier could not keep players from having fun. "We could play without being able to verbally communicate." It was also a great learning experience because "there were so many kinds of decks." As it turned out, few of those decks could top his incredible combos.



### Deck List

4	Clampperl	HL 58
4	Gorebyss	HL 18
4	Dunsparce	SS 60
1	Oddish	HL 68
1	Bellosom	HL 16
1	Ralts	RS 68
2	Ralts	RS 66
1	Kirlia	RS 34
2	Gardevoir	RS 7
1	Gardevoir ex	SS 96
1	Ancient Technical Machine (Rock)	HL 85
2	Bill's Maintenance	EX 137
3	Copycat	EX 138
3	Professor Elm's Training Method	EX 148
4	Rare Candy	SS 88
3	Steven's Advice	HL 92
3	Underground Expedition	SK 140
2	Warp Point	MA 85
8	Psychic Energy	RS 107
2	Boost Energy	AQ 145
4	Double Rainbow Energy	MA 88
4	Multi Energy	SS 93

## Sebastian Crema Fourth Place (11-14)

Age: 14 years old



Country: Canada

Deck: Blaziken/Rayquaza

Interesting Fact: Received his invite through the strength of his play through ratings and rankings



### Deck List

4	Dunsparce	SS 60
2	Rayquaza ex	DR 97
2	Skitty	SS 79
2	Delcatty	RS 5
4	Torchic	RS 74
3	Combusken	RS 28
3	Blaziken	RS 3
2	Blaziken ex	MA 89
1	Ancient Technical Machine (Rock)	HL 85
1	Ancient Tomb	HL 87
2	Copycat	EX 138
1	High Pressure System	DR 85
4	Oracle	SK 138
1	Pokémon Nurse	EX 145
1	Professor Oak's Research	EX 149
3	Rare Candy	SS 88
3	Steven's Advice	HL 92
2	Switch	RS 92
1	Town Volunteers	AQ 136
1	TV Reporter	DR 88
1	Warp Point	EX 152
11	Fire Energy	RS 108
2	Lightning Energy	RS 109
3	Multi Energy	SS 93



Venusaur makes a special appearance



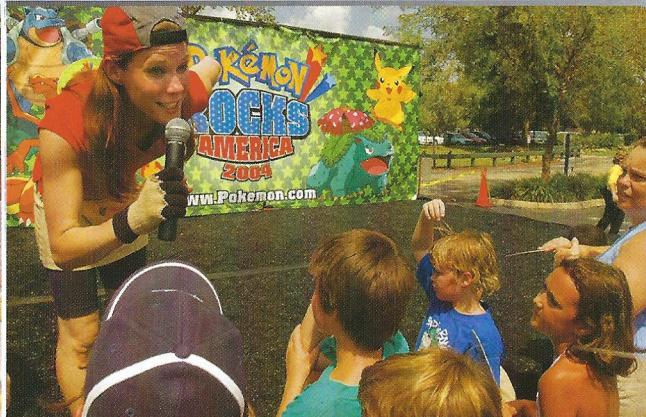
Pokémon Rocks packs 'em in!



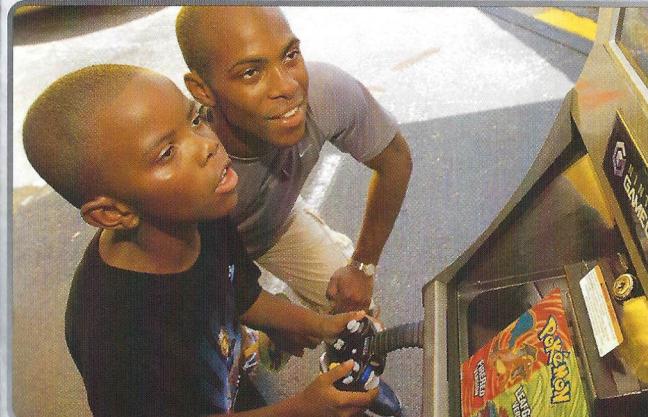
The Pokémon Misting Tent



Fans take in the fun in the Florida sun



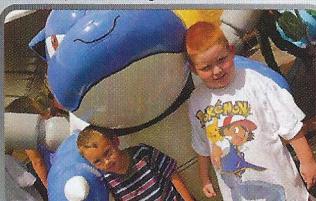
Contests, prizes, and surprises were all part of the big event!



Players get a chance to try out FireRed and LeafGreen at Pokémon Rocks



What's yellow and goes 80 miles an hour?



Blastoise was happy to pose for photos



The best way to find the fun: just ask!



The entire Pikachu family made it!

## Tsuguyoshi Yamato World Champion (15+)

Age: 19 years old



Country: Japan

Deck: Team Magma

Interesting Fact: Enjoys karaoke and running



The crowds loved him; his opponents feared him. Few players were as animated as Tsuguyoshi, who believes "fast movement of the deck is very important." That intensity carried him into the Championship match, where he earned the title of #1 Trainer. Despite his stellar achievement, Tsuguyoshi showed great admiration for the level of play of his rivals. He said, "It was hard since all were strong players, but everyone was great." On this day, however, none was as great as he was.

### Deck List:

2	Team Magma's Baltoy	MA 60
2	Team Magma's Claydol	MA 8
4	Team Magma's Groudon	MA 9
1	Team Magma's Numel	MA 64
2	Team Magma's Camerupt	MA 19
4	Team Magma's Zangoose	MA 23
2	Copycat	EX 138
3	Desert Ruins	HL 88
2	Maxie	MA 73
2	Mr. Briney's Compassion	DR 87
3	Pokémon Reversal	RS 87
3	Steven's Advice	HL 92
1	Switch	RS 92
2	Team Magma Ball	MA 80
4	Team Magma Conspirator	MA 82
3	TV Reporter	DR 88
3	Underground Expedition	SK 140
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2	Rainbow Energy	RS 95

## Chris Fulop Second Place (15+)

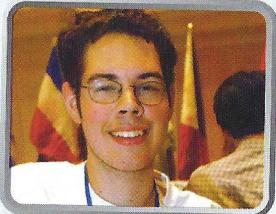
Age: 18 years old



Country: United States

Deck: Blaziken/Rayquaza/  
Bellosom

Interesting Fact: Won a Worlds invite at the East Coast Stadium Challenge



### Deck List:

4	Dunsparce	SS 60
1	Oddish	HL 68
1	Bellosom	HL 16
1	Rayquaza ex	DR 97
2	Skitty	RS 44
2	Delcatty	RS 5
1	Team Aqua's Electrike	MA 53
1	Team Aqua's Manectric	MA 4
4	Torchic	RS 74
2	Combusken	RS 28
3	Blaziken	RS 3
2	Blaziken ex	MA 89
4	Copycat	EX 138
1	Friend Ball	SK 126
3	Oracle	SK 138
1	Pokémon Nurse	EX 145
1	Professor Elm's Training Method	EX 148
4	Rare Candy	SS 88
4	Steven's Advice	HL 92
1	Switch	RS 92
1	Town Volunteers	AQ 136
10	Fire Energy	RS 108
2	Lightning Energy	RS 109
3	Multi Energy	SS 93
1	Warp Energy	AQ 147

## Go Miyamoto Third Place (15+)

Age: 15 years old



Country: Japan

Deck: Team Magma

Interesting Fact: Baseball fan



Now an everyday player, Go first became interested in the Pokémon TCG after seeing an ad in a comic book. Filled with a desire to win, Go's game got better and better through a series of competitive Japanese events. "It got tougher with each tournament leading up to Worlds," Go pointed out. Those experiences paid off, as he took third place in the World Championships. Among his fond memories of Worlds was the chance to interact with foreign players.

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4	TV Reporter	DR 88
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6	Fighting Energy	RS 105
1	Psychic Energy	RS 107
4	Darkness Energy	RS 93
4	Magma Energy	MA 87
2	Rainbow Energy	RS 95

## AN EVENT FOR THE AGES (AND ALL AGES!)

The 2004 Pokémon TCG World Championships started off with a bang, and it never let up!

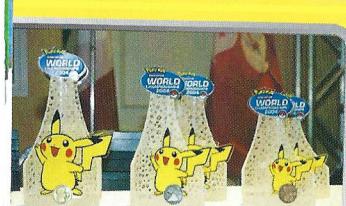
The initial bangs were supplied by a raucous Latin band that welcomed top players at the tropical-themed reception dinner—and got the entire joint jumpin'! Then the players themselves provided even more bang the next few days as competition heated up.

Between the Reception and the Finals, there were plenty more fun activities to keep players, family, friends, and fans entertained... and busy! Pokémon Rocks really *did* rock, with carnival games, stage shows, prize giveaways, appearances by Pikachu and other Pokémon favorites, and even a Pokémon Water-Type Misting Tent where the crowd could beat the heat!

Around 300 players turned out for a sneak peek at the next big thing in the Pokémon Trading Card Game. The EX FireRed & LeafGreen Prerelease Tournament was a great way for participants to take away some cool prizes and get an early look at new cards like Charizard ex, Venusaur ex, and Blastoise ex!

Pokémon League was in full swing, offering beginners and players at all levels a casual alternative to the intensity of the World Championships matches. As always, there were lots of prizes involved and plenty of happy faces!

If the success of this incredible show is any indication, the Pokémon TCG World Championships 2005 is an event not to be missed! We hope to see you there!



The World Championships trophies



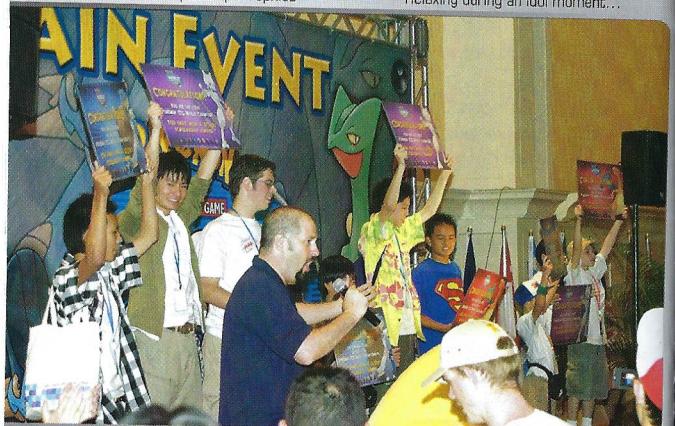
Relaxing during an idol moment...



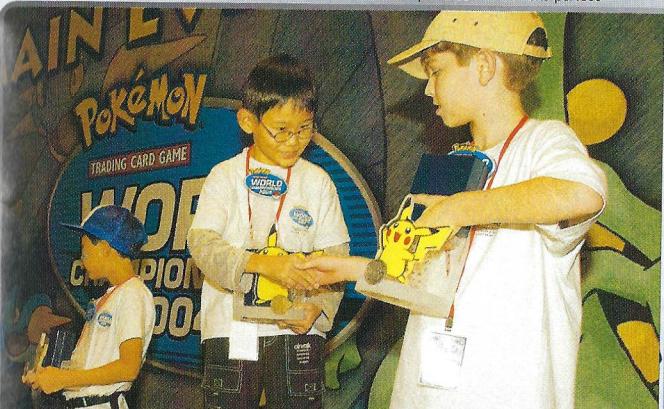
A smile is worth 1000 HP



Poké practice makes Poké-perfect



The scholarship winners proudly display their awards



The top 3 finalists in all groups gather to share the spotlight



Gotta catch 'em all!



Some matches are fast and furious



Every player needs a lucky mascot



The 2004 Pokémon TCG Worlds!

## THE 2005 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE ONLY AN INVITATION AWAY!

Getting to Worlds can be a challenge for any Pokémon TCG player. Good thing there are still Challenges to choose from that can get you there, both the Gym and Stadium variety! Invitations go to the best players at all of these events, top finishers at each National Championships, winners at the Last Chance Qualifiers, and others still to come! For more information, visit the website at [www.op.pokemon-tcg.com](http://www.op.pokemon-tcg.com)

Take a look at all the different ways you can earn a spot to compete with the elite in 2005:

### Top 4 2004 World Championships finishers



### Challenge Series Qualifiers



### National Championships



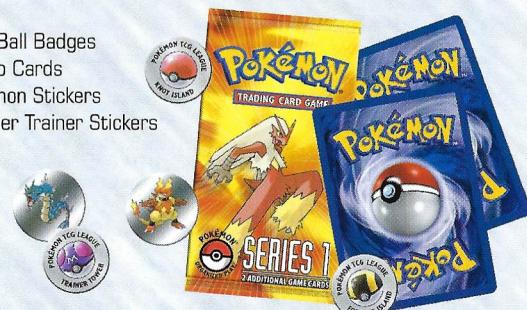
## ALL SERIOUSNESS ASIDE...

You don't have to be a World Championships-level player to get into a Pokémon League. Everyone at every level is welcome to join the fun!

Leagues are the perfect place to play your favorite game in a casual atmosphere. Whether you just started playing or you play like an old pro, there are plenty of awesome prizes you can win just for participating!

Some of the great prizes you can only find in a Pokémon League:

- Poké Ball Badges
- Promo Cards
- Pokémon Stickers
- Premier Trainer Stickers



You don't even have to travel halfway around the world to get to a Pokémon League—there's probably one right in your neighborhood. Go to our website to find a location near you and learn more about League!

[www.op.pokemon-tcg.com](http://www.op.pokemon-tcg.com)

## Need Help Playing a Game?

For game play help, strategy and tournament information outside of North America and Japan go to:

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